

# Hospital Week Declared

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May 7-11th is National Hospital Week. Hospitals all over the nation will be taking advantage of this designation to give the public an opportunity to familiarize itself with the service available at that institution. Wasatch County Hospital as well, will be utilizing the media, tours and varied programs to better acquaint you with our facility and the services it offers.

Wasatch County Hospital is a 40-bed acute care facility built in Heber City and began operations in May 1969. The Hospital became associated with Intermountain Health Care in August 1978 and presently maintains a management contract with that corporation.

The Hospital provides all primary services as well as skilled nursing for long term care patients to the community and the surrounding service area. Physician services are presently maintained by an active staff of 11 and a consulting staff of 16 representing various specialties.

The Hospital has 125 employees which full staffs the following departments: Administration, Ambulance, Anesthesia, Business Office, Central Supply, Dietary, Emergency, General Stores, Housekeeping, Laboratory, Laundry, Medical Records, Medical/Surgical units, Maternity, Nursery, Maintenance, Physical Therapy, Radiology, Respiratory Therapy, and Surgery.

Medical, surgical services include acute adult and pediatric care resulting from accident, illness or surgery. Varied aspects

of this division includes same day services such as surgery, laboratory, radiology, and emergency.

Laboratory, Radiology and Respiratory Therapy are all staffed by 24-hour on call registered technicians.

Emergency is staffed by advanced cardiac life supports certified nurses with on call physician coverage on a 24-hour basis. During 1983 the Emergency Department treated 3000 patients averaging 200 per month during the winter months and 340 in the summer. The Ambulance, staffed by EMT's of the Volunteer Ambulance Association, responded to approximately 200 emergency calls and made 125 transfers.

Wasatch County Hospital has the capability of dealing with medical/surgical emergencies with stabilization for those cases which require admission or transfer to a specialized unit.

Obstetrical and Gynecological service is available and includes: Pre-natal care, labor and delivery, post-partum care and home visits, newborn nursery which includes fetal monitoring during labor and delivery, general gynecological surgery.

Any hospital would be incomplete were it not for the support and reliability of the many auxiliary departments. They are appreciated and should not be forgotten.

Departments such as housekeeping, laundry, maintenance, dietary, central supply, business office and medical records provide invaluable service to the hospital

and the public. It is not an uncommon thing to find a housekeeper visiting with a lonely patient, or dietary teaching an all important dietary regimen, or to find maintenance called out in the middle of the night to help with a problem in the facility. There are other examples that occur every day where these people extend themselves for the good of our patients and the hospital. They too, are part of the medical team.

Each Department is rigorously monitored by our Quality Assurance Team to maintain accreditation and to ensure quality care to our patients which increases the level of care and contributes to the lowering of costs to our patients.

The Quality Assurance Program at Wasatch County Hospital is co-ordinated by Sandee Toone, RN, who is directly responsible to Administration and the Board of Trustees. She is responsible for gathering all statistical data regarding patient care practices and professional performance and

reporting that data and any recommendations to the appropriate Hospital, Medical and Board members.

In a world where advances in science, research and technology change rapidly; as do the needs of communities, hospitals and individuals, this program ensures to you, the people who wish to serve efficient, safe, up-to-date, quality care.

During National Hospital Week, Wasatch County Hospital wishes to extend to you an invitation to take advantage of the following tours, and classes that you might become better aware of the services we offer and that we might become aware of your needs, questions, suggestions and concerns.

CPR classes will be held: Tuesday and Wednesday, May 8 and 9, from 7 to 9 p.m. Certification in BCLS.

Free Blood Pressure checks, free blood sugar checks.

# High Blood Pressure Month Proclaimed

WHERAS High Blood Pressure is a leading cause of disability, and contributes to more than 750,000 deaths from cardiovascular and related diseases annually...

WHERAS about 60 million Americans have high blood pressure of some degree, and many of them do not know they have it because it is symptomless; and of the many who do know that they have it, millions still are not

under treatment, or do not have their blood pressure under adequate control...

WHERAS people with untreated or uncontrolled high blood pressure risk premature illness or death from coronary heart disease, stroke, heart or kidney failure, and people who effectively control their high blood pressure can lead normal, healthy lives...

THEREFORE as Wasatch City-

County Board of Health, we hereby proclaim the month of May 1984 as National High Blood Pressure Month. We urge all civic, scientific, medical, educational, voluntary, and health care organizations and professionals to join us in using this month... and the months and years to come...to educate the public, patients, and health care professionals in the detection, treatment, and control

of high blood pressure.

In addition, we urge you, our fellow citizens, to have your blood pressure checked regularly, as well as the blood pressures of members of your families. If your blood pressure is high, you should seek and follow your physician's advice.

Phil D. Wright  
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Health Officer

## FBLA Attends Conference

On April 11 and 12 the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) attended the annual FBLA Leadership Conference held at Brigham Young University. Students from 4A 3A 2A and 1A



## Fashion Designer to

## Give Lectures

Mr. Blackwell, one of the most famous fashion designers in America, is coming to Salt Lake City and you can meet him and see his collection! The event will be held at the Hotel Utah ballroom on Saturday, May 12th, and will be presented by the California Utah Women, Utah Chapter, with all proceeds going to a refugees scholarship. The tickets are \$18.50 which also includes the luncheon and bake sale -- not a bad deal for fashion and food! For tickets or more information, call Judi Andersen at 649-6817. Get

